country upto September, 2009. This includes 17 projects for Rs. 34.92 crore in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mega tourist centres in the country

†853. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to open seven mega tourist centres throughout the country to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States selected and the amount allocated so far for the purpose;

(d) whether such other schemes are also being run; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has identified 29 destinations/circuits on the basis of footfalls and future potential in consultation with the concerned State Governments so far for development through mega projects. The details are at the given Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories for tourism projects on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. During the current financial year 106 projects including mega projects have been sanctioned in various States/Union Territories for Rs. 398.33 crore upto September, 2009.

Statement

Destinations/Circuits Identified for Mega projects so far

Sl. No.	State/UT		Destination/Circuit	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2		3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Tirupati Heritage Circuit	4652.49
		2.	Kadapa Heritage Tourist Circuit	3692.89
		3.	Charminar area	994.75
2.	Bihar	4.	Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda	1922.42
3.	Chhattisgarh	5.	Jagdalpur-Tirathgarh-Chitrakote-Barsur-Dantewada-Tirathgarh	1133.82
4.	Delhi	6.	Illumination of Monuments	2375.09

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
5.	Goa	7. Churches of Goa (Integrated Development of Infrastructure for heritage and Hinterland Tourism	4309.91
6.	Gujarat	8. Dwarka-Nageshwar-Bet Dwarka	798.90
7.	Haryana	9. Panipat-Kurukshetra-Pinjore (Haryana)	3175.25
		10. Panchkula-Yamunanagar (Haryana) – Paonta Sahib (Himachal Pradesh)	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11. Eco and Adventure Circuit (Kullu-Katrain-Manali)	
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	12. Spiritual Destination of Leh-Ladakh	
10.	Karnataka	13. Hampi	3283.58
11.	Kerala	14. Muzuris Heritage and Culture Circuit (Trissur and Ernakulam Districts)	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	15 Spiritual and Wellness Destination of Chitrakoot	2401.98
13.	Maharashtra	16 Vidarbha Heritage Circuit	3738.19
		17 Aurangabad	
14.	Orissa	18 Bhubaneshwar- Puri -Chilka	3022.80
15.	Puducherry	19 Puducherry	
16.	Punjab	20 Amritsar	1585.53
17.	Rajasthan	21 Ajmer	1069.68
		22 Desert Circuit (Jodhpur-Bikaner-Jaisalmer)	
18.	Sikkim	23 Gangtok	2390.70
19.	Tamil Nadu	24 Mahabalipuram	1312.69
		25 Pilgrimage Circuit (Madurai-Rameshwaram-Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu	
20.	Uttarakhand	26 Haridwar-Rishikesh	4452.22
21.	Uttar Pradesh	27 Agra-Revitalization of Taj (Uttar Pradesh)	1525.00
		28 Varanasi	2202.30
22.	West Bengal	29 Ganga Heritage River Cruise Circuit	2042.35